

## **MORNING WORSHIP**

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**Text: Philippians 1:27-30; Romans 15:5-6; 1 Corinthians 1**

**Title: Striving together for the Gospel**

### **(I) THE THINGS THAT WILL HURT THE WORK OF GOD**

1. The work of the Evil One
2. The lure of the world
3. The strife among brethren

### **(II) A CALL TO RECOGNISE THE DANGER OF STRIFE**

#### **1. Danger of “factions” in the Church (1 Corinthians 1)**

(In the Corinthian Church)

- a) Those aligned to Cephas
- b) Those inclined towards Apollos
- c) Those who supported Paul
- d) Those who disagreed with all of the above

#### **2. Deadly results (1 Corinthians 3:3)**

- a) Carnality
- b) Envy
- c) Strife
- d) Divisions

### **(III) A CALL TO END THE PROBLEM OF STRIFE**

1. Remember- We are God’s building (1 Corinthians 3:9)
2. Remember- We are the Temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16)
3. Remember- God will discipline (“destroy” is His prerogative) (1 Corinthians 3:17)

#### **(IV) A CALL TO STRIVE TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL**

1. Standing fast in one spirit (Philippians 1:27)
2. With one mind (Philippians 1:27)
3. Striving together for the faith of the Gospel (Philippians 1:27)

#### **(V) OUR CHALLENGES**

1. Pray that God would continue to keep us all united (Romans 15:5)
2. Let us work at being “like-minded to one another” (Romans 15:5)
3. Let us determine to glorify God with “one mind and one mouth” (Romans 15:5)